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*SUPPORTING THOSE IMPACTED BY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE*



MISSION & VISION

Journey's **mission** is to provide services that foster safety and healing to those affected by domestic violence and child abuse; and to prevent abuse through education, advocacy, and systemic change.

Journey envisions a community where safety and well-being are achieved by empowering people to find a path toward healthy, thriving relationships.

HISTORY

Journey Center for Safety and Healing (formerly Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center) is the result of a merger between Domestic Violence Center and Bellflower Center for Prevention of Child Abuse in 2012. Journey has nearly 45 years history leading the community in responding to victims of child abuse and domestic violence and working to break the cycle of abuse via prevention, intervention and community education.

The agency is dedicated to healthy relationships and provides a continuum of services for persons of all ages who have been victims of, or are at risk of being victims of, domestic violence, child abuse or other family or relationship violence. Its model is grounded in a strength-based and empowerment philosophy and incorporates best practices and evidence-based strategies and is unique in its integration of child abuse and domestic violence programming.

PREVALENCE

24

24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the U.S. – that is more than **12 million people** over the course of a year

1 in 4
1 in 7

1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men, 18+ in the U.S. have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime

1 in 3
1 in 4

1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men, 18+ in the U.S. experience domestic violence at some point in their lives

PREVALENCE

Domestic violence crosses racial, cultural, socioeconomic, and religious lines and occurs in all types of intimate relationships – it happens to people of all genders. However, **women** are the most frequent victims of domestic violence.

18-34

Females ages 18 – 34 generally experience the highest rates of domestic violence

4 in 5

From 2017 to 2019, approximately 4 in 5 (78%) victims of domestic violence were female

LEVEL OF DANGER

1/2

Nearly half of female homicide victims are killed by a current or former male intimate partner

Women of color, and women who are immigrants/refugees, are over-represented among victims of severe DV and DV-related homicides - far disproportionate to their representation in the population.

IMPACT ON CHILDREN

**15.5
million**

More than **15.5 million children** in the U.S. live in homes in which domestic violence has happened at least once

60%

60% of child abuse cases are in homes where there is also intimate partner violence

IMPACT ON CHILDREN

- Many children exposed to violence in the home are also victims of physical abuse
- Children who witness abuse or are victims of emotional, physical, or sexual abuse are at a higher risk for health problems as adults
- Children who live in homes with DV are at a greater risk for repeating the cycle as adults by entering into abusive relationships or becoming abusers themselves

DATING VIOLENCE PREVALENCE

1 in 3

1 in 3 high school students have been or will be involved in an abusive relationship

1 in 5

1 in 5 (20%) of dating couples report some type of violence in their relationships

40%

40% of teen girls aged **14-17** say they know someone their age who has been hit by a boyfriend

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Safety

- 24-Hour Helpline
- Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter
- Justice System Advocacy
- Safe & Sound Visitation Center
- Latina Domestic Violence Project

Healing

- Trauma Therapy
- Trauma Case Management
- Support Groups

Breaking Cycles

- Prevention & Education Programs
- Professional Trainings
- Systems Change Advocacy

JUSTICE SYSTEM ADVOCACY

- 11 courts covering 56 municipalities throughout Cuyahoga County
 - Advocacy and support in suburban, municipal courts for individuals involved with the criminal court process
 - Advocacy and support in Domestic Relations Court for individuals seeking Civil Protection Orders
- Advocates speak with each victim about their unique situation while explaining applicable court processes
 - Options are explored and considered with an emphasis on safety, empowerment, and self determination

JUSTICE SYSTEM ADVOCACY

- Advocate role is to support a victim, regardless of their decision(s) by providing emotional support, information/resources on their current criminal case, and information/resources once their criminal case is complete.
- *Approximately 2,800 victims are served each year through our Justice System Advocacy program*

THE LAKEWOOD JUSTICE SYSTEM ADVOCATE...

- Served 109 victims in Lakewood Court last year
- Collaborates almost daily with the Lakewood Prosecutor's Office and the Lakewood Municipal Court
- Monitors Lakewood police calls to the 24-hour Helpline and reviews docket

THE LAKEWOOD JUSTICE SYSTEM ADVOCATES PROVIDE...

- **Court escorts and support throughout the court process, including trials**
- **Information, education and materials about domestic violence to law enforcement and justice system personnel**
- **Advocacy for individual victims and for procedures and processes in court which will emphasize the safety of victims**
- **Safety planning, crisis intervention, and information about protection orders**
- **Follow-up calls to provide support, information, and further safety planning**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (DVAM)

■ **Wear Purple Day**

- Share your images on social media and tag Journey Center to show off your **Outfit of the Day** #DVAMootd, #DVAMcle
- Thursday, October 21st

■ **Journey's Domestic Violence Advocacy Training**

- Learn how you can help someone experiencing abuse
 - Friday, October 22, 12:00-1:30pm

■ **Lunch & Learn Tuesday**

- Learn about the services offered at Journey Center for Safety and Healing every Tuesday during the month of October

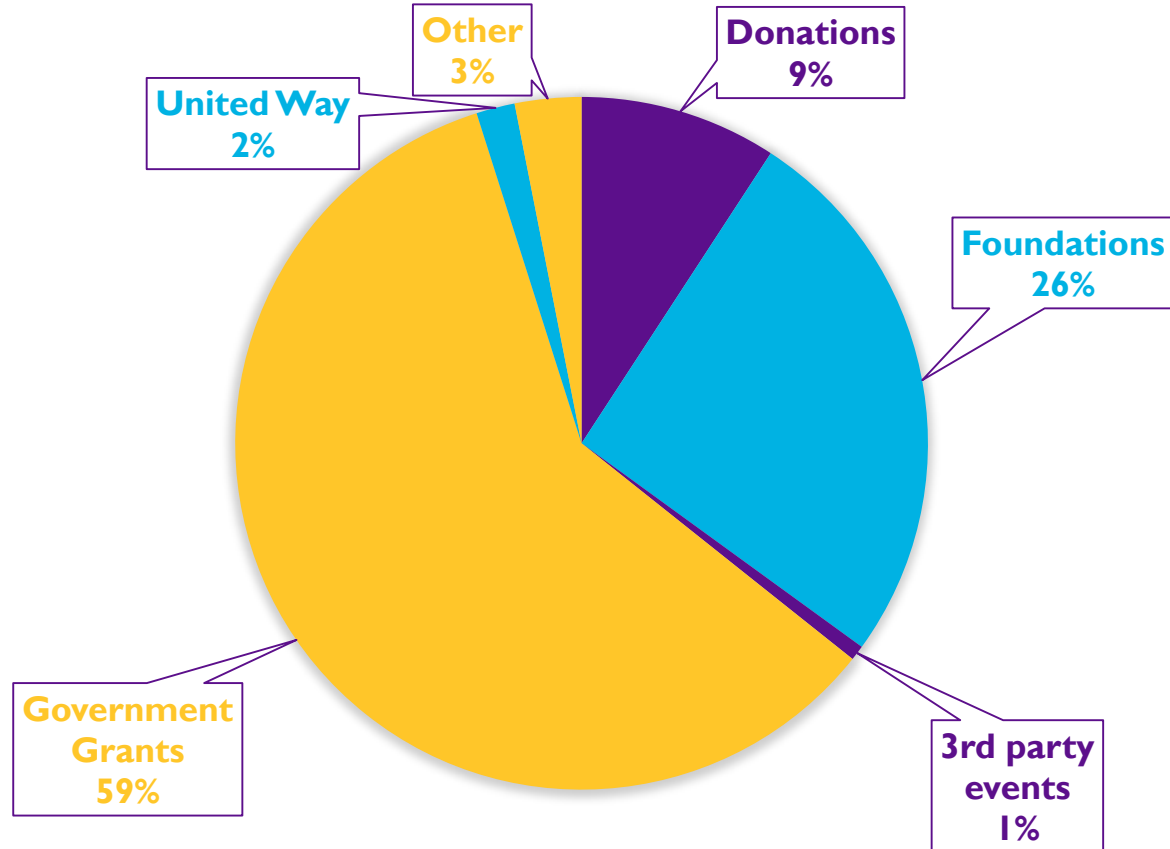
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OTHER WAYS TO HELP DURING DVAM

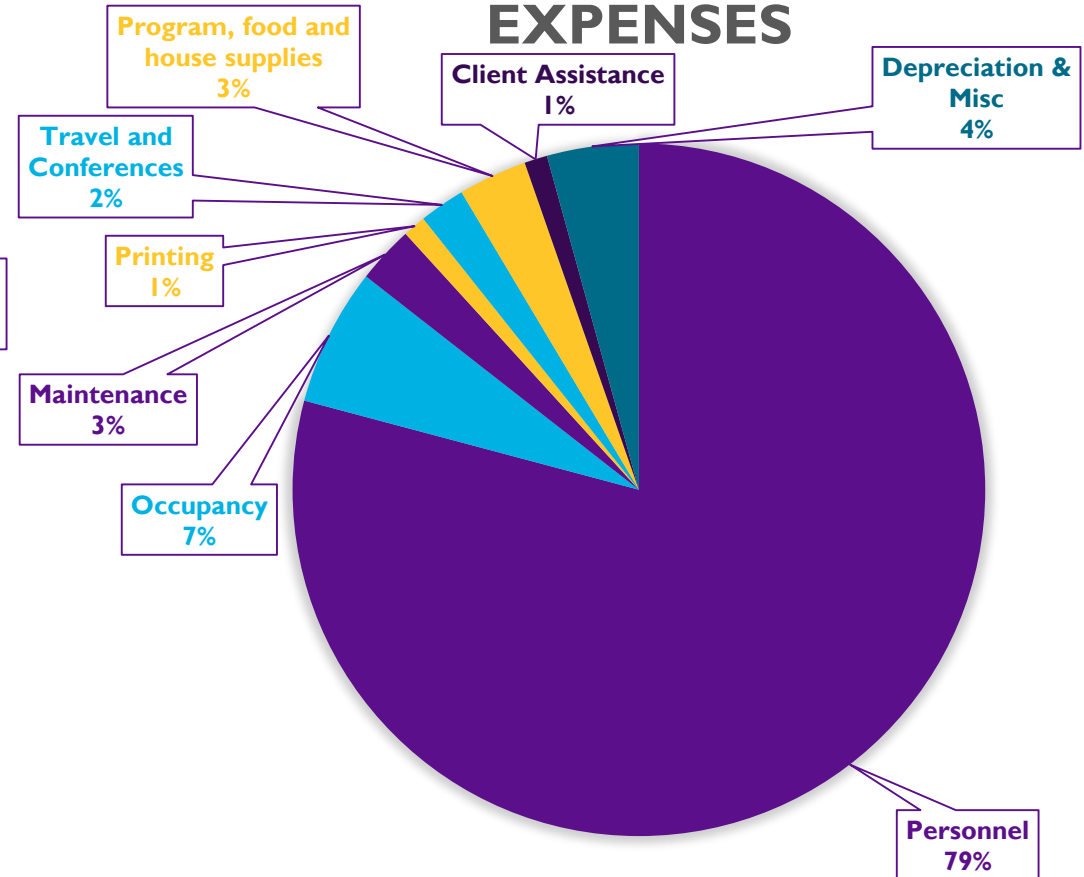
- **Use the social media hashtags: #DVAM2021, #DVAMcle**
- **Like, follow, and share Journey Center's posts and videos**
 - Facebook: JourneyCenterNEO
 - Twitter: Journey_NEO
 - Instagram: JourneyCenterNEO
- **Sign up and share Journey Center's newsletter with your friends and family**
- **Wear and display purple ribbons to promote healthy relationships and take a stand against abusive relationships**
- **Call or text our 24-Hour Helpline if you are someone you know is in an unsafe or abusive relationship:**
 - 216.391.4357 (HELP) or live chat at: [Journeyneo.org](https://journeyneo.org)

FY 22 FINANCIAL PICTURE

REVENUE



EXPENSES



A DOUBLE PANDEMIC: COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic forced a lot of us to stay home for our own safety and the safety of others. But for domestic violence victims—the vast majority of whom are women, children, and LGBTQ+ individuals—home is a ***dangerous*** place.





CLIENT STORY



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